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**THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION**

1. The chemical plant at Svalava N 48-33, E 22-597 was referred to in Russian as KhimZavod-Svalava.  the exact location of this plant Annex A and drawn a sketch showing the plan of the plant Annex B. I would assume that this chemical plant was under military administration because the director was a military man with the rank of an Army major who constantly wore a military uniform. I cannot remember names of leading personnel of this plant. 50X1
2. The Svalava plant had several shops, the majority of which were off limits to everybody not employed there, and I do not know what these shops manufactured. I remember that the plant had two large departments, one of which was referred to as LesoKhimZavod and the other as KhimZavod. At some location north of Svalava the plant had a limestone quarry where it mined limestone and produced lime. This lime was shipped to the KhimZavod and used for some production processes. I know also that no private customers could buy limestone or lime manufactured by the KhimZavod quarry. As a by-product KhimZavod manufactured wood charcoal which was sold to other plants and industrial enterprises for production purposes. Some part of the plant also manufactured furniture and sold it to customers.
3. I do not know what kind of raw materials the plant used. I do remember, however, that materials for the plant arrived mostly in wooden boxes, 1 x 0.8 x 0.8 m. large; very often these boxes arrived by rail from Hungary. These materials were transported by rail into the plant grounds where they were unloaded. For this reason the people outside of the plant never knew what kind of materials arrived at the plant. Large quantities of timber arrived almost daily at the plant. It is very hard to estimate even approximately the quantities of raw materials received daily by the plant. In this respect I can only say that there was an almost constant railroad traffic to and from the plant.

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4. KhimZavod - Svalava had several forest sites which were used for the procurement of timber. These forest sites were located to the north of Svalava in the valley of the Latorica River, 10 - 20 km. from Svalava. Several narrow-gauge railroad lines, 0.75 m., connected the plant with the forest sites. The plant had its own railroad park, with a dozen steam locomotives and a large number of flat cars.
5. Whatever the end products of KhimZavod were, I am reasonably sure that they never went abroad, at least not directly from Svalava, but into the interior of the USSR in the direction of L'vov. I am not able to estimate the quantities which were shipped of the plant's end products. Rather large quantities of processed timber were shipped from the Svalava plant to Hungary.
6. The KhimZavod - Svalava had approximately 1,000 workers working in the plant; in addition, it had a large number of lumberjacks working at forest exploitation sites north of Svalava. The KhimZavod plant operated with one eight-hour daily shift except for a few shops which operated 24 hours daily with three eight-hour shifts.
7. There was a workers' mess at the plant. I am not familiar with the composition and cost of meals served at this mess since I have never eaten there. However, I noticed that the majority of the workers used the mess for lunch.

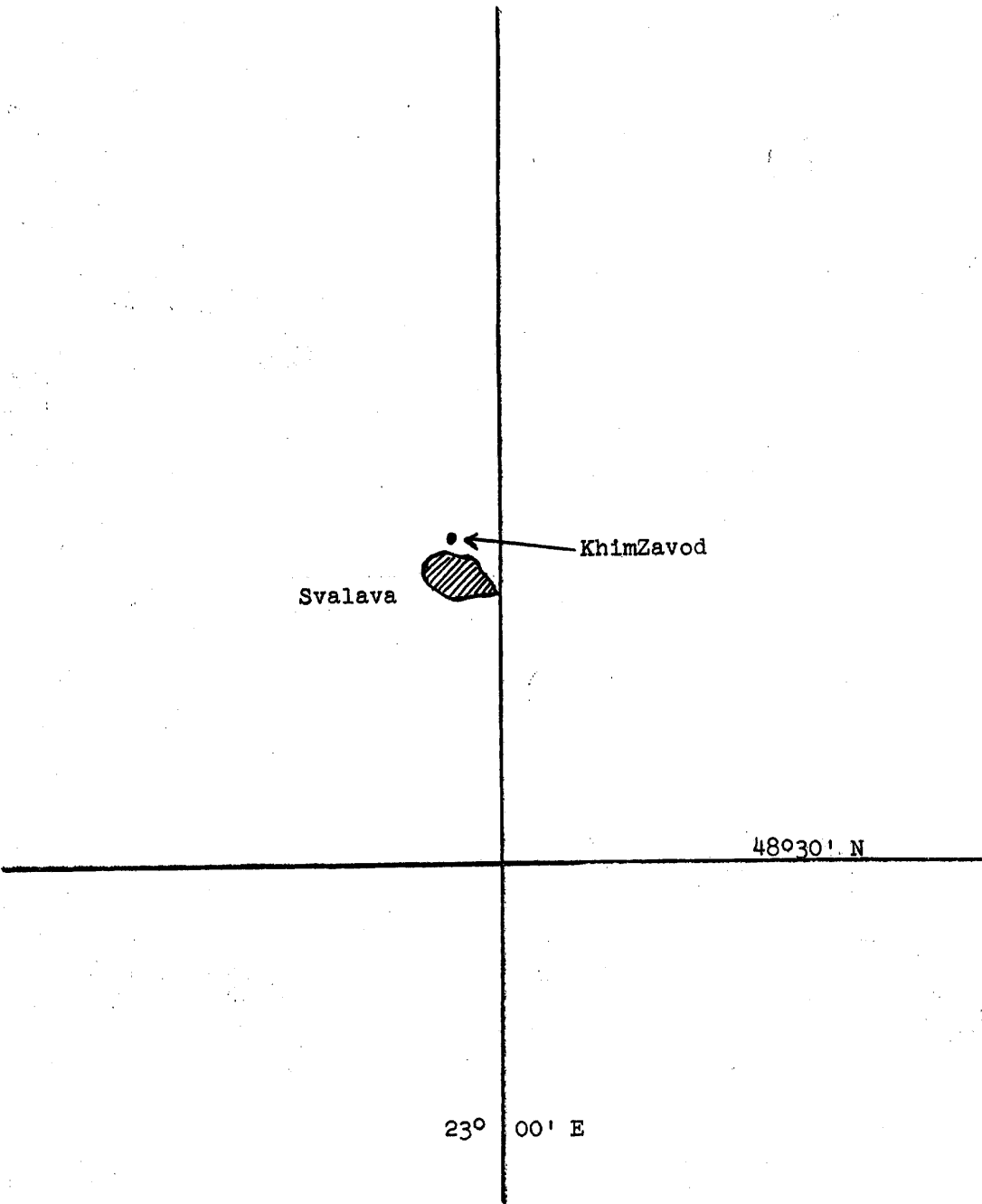
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- A. Layout of KhimZavod - Svalava
- B. KhimZavod - Svalava -- detail plan

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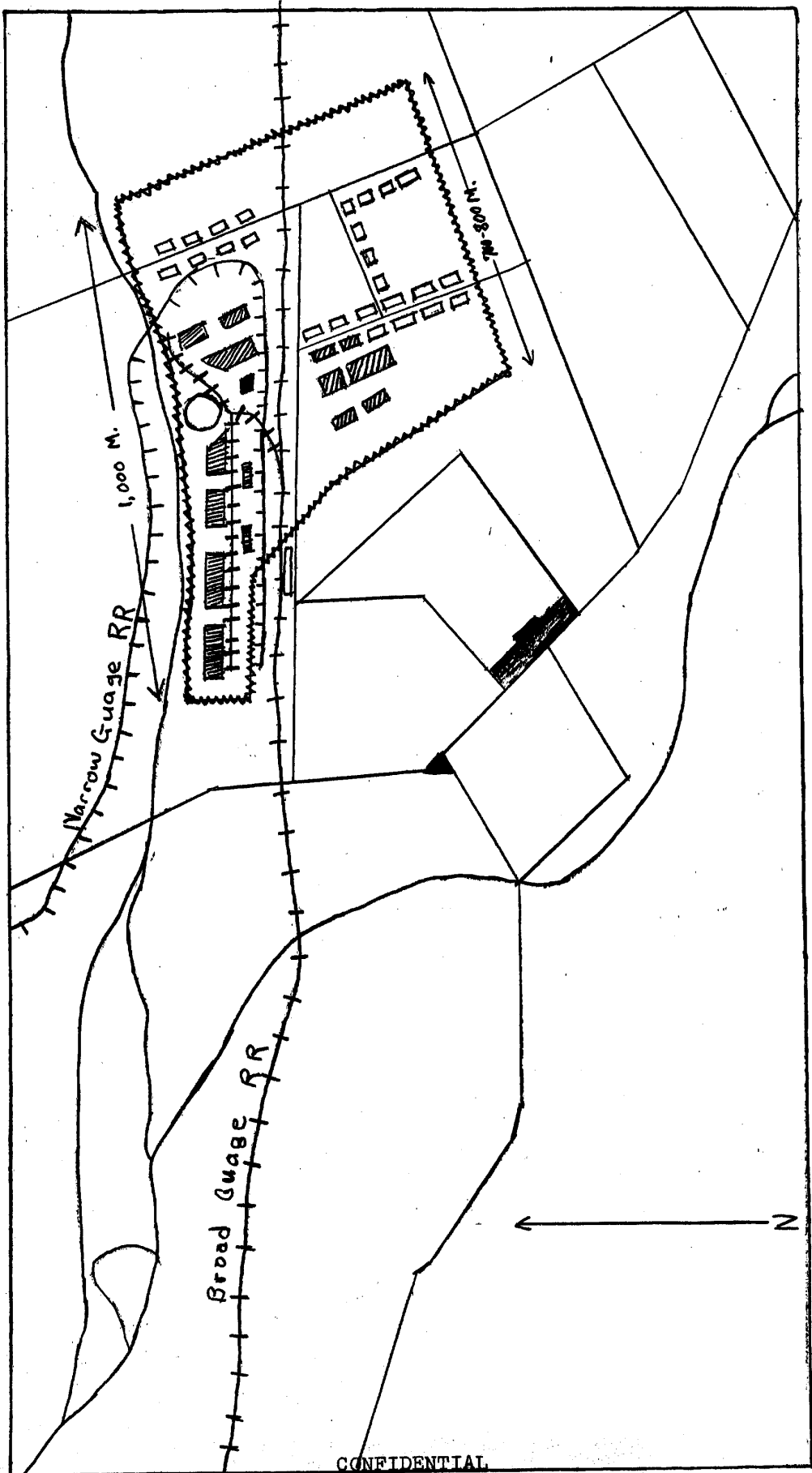
Annex A: Layout of KhimZavod - Svalava  $\angle$  N 48-33, E 22-597



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Annex B: KhimZavod - Svalava -- Detailed Plan



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Annex B (Cont'd)

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1. The buildings drawn with stripe markings represent the chemical plant workshops and various administrative buildings.
2. The buildings indicated as solid boxes were control and check points where workers' passes were checked.
3. The plant's park (circled area) was located north of the control check point.
4. Buildings in the eastern part of the plant's site belonged to the workers' housing project.
5. The plant grounds are surrounded by a plain wooden board fence, two and one-half meters high, with two or three rows of barbed wire on top.

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